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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INDUSTRY FORUM

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1. SIR JAMES DUNNETT WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INDUSTRY FORUM, AS PREDICTED BY SEATRADE, AND PRESENTLY HAS SMALL OFFICE AND STAFF WITHIN GENERAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH SHIPPING. THE IMIF COUNCIL OF FOURTEEN HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED. A MEETING OF THE INTERESTED MEMBERS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 8. WE WILL REPORT ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

2. LONDON SOURCES GENERALLY DOUBT ABILITY OF IMIF TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PROGRAM, AT LEAST AS OUTLINED SO FAR. IT IS STARTING LATE WITH A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE MARKET PLACE CORRECTION ALREADY HAVING TAKEN PLACE. NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION, OR EVEN LATE FOR ACTION, NOT THE TIME TO BEGIN PLANNING. THE INTERESTS ARE SO GREAT IN NUMBER AND SO VARIED THAT GETTING THEM TOGETHER AND KEEPING THEM TOGETHER IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY. SCHEMES OF MARKET REGULATION IN THE PAST, IN DRY CARGO AS WELL AS LIQUID, HAVE FAILED.

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3. SO FAR THE PROBLEM IS BEING SUBJECTED TO THE MARKET-

PLACE. TANKERS ARE MOVING AT SLOW SPEED TO SAVE FUEL COSTS BUT IN DOING SO ARE REDUCING CAPACITY. NUMEROUS TANKER ORDERS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND MORE ARE EXPECTED. ABOUT 500 TANKERS ARE LAID UP AND ABOUT 150 OF THESE ARE 100,000 TONS OR OVER.

4. ONE NON-MARKET DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN NORWEGIAN LEGISLATION GUARANTEEING NORWEGIAN SHIP ORDERS. SWEDISH YARDS ARE MAJMR BENEFICIARIES OF THIS. NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IS BEING ASKED TO ENACT SIMILAR GUARANTEES.  
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